details of production, sale, employment and earning for the years 1997-98 and 1998-99 are at Annexure-III. *[See* Annexdix 188, Annexure no. 421.

Ratio of Factory going workers in certain States

†*278. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the ratio of factory going workers per 1000 in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka; and

(b) what has been the variation in such ratio during last two years?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) According to the information received from the State Governments, the ratio of factory going workers per 1000 in the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka (in the, year 1998) is as under:

SI No.	Name of State	Ratio of Factory going workers per 1000
1.	Gujarat	22.93
2.	Maharashtra	14.74
3.	Andhra Pradesh	13.00
4.	Karnataka	19.97

(b) The variation of such ratio during last two years is as under:—_

SI No.	State	Year	Ratio	Variation
1.	Gujarat	1997	22.66	-0.67
		1998	22.93	+0.27
2.	Karnataka	1997	19.11	-1-2.72%
		1998	19.97	+4.31%
3.	Maharashtra	1997	14.50	+0.14
4.	Andhra Pradesh	1998 For the year ratio is 13	14.74	+0.24 ■ 1998 and 1999 the variation. and so there is no

Standing Committee on Natural Calamity

*279. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether matters regarding natural calamities vis-a-vis rescue, relief and rehabilitation measures are looked after only by the Ministry of Agriculture;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to set up a Standing Committee on Natural Calamities to look after the related matters especially as they have in the Ministries of Railways, Health, etc. for dealing with similar issues;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by Govemment to equip its machinery to meet the eventualities whenever a natural calamity strikes?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (d) According to the Govemment of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC), in the Ministry of Agriculture, is the nodal agency for coordination of relief measures necessitated by natural calamities, other than epidemics. The basic responsibility for undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures is of the State Govemment concerned. The role of Central Government is only supportive. The concerned Ministries/Departments provide the required assistance in their respective sectors directly to the State Govemment as also repair and restore the damaged infrastructure facilities under them. The coordination and monitoring of the Govemment of India's intervention is achieved through the National Crisis Management Committee headed by the Cabinet Secretary and consisting of the Secretaries of the Ministries/Departments concemed and the Crisis Management Group headed by the Central Relief Commissioner in the DAC.

In view of the above institutional meachanism already in place, there is no proposal to set up a Standing Committee on Natural Calamities.

Failure of Satellite to warn against Cyclone

*280. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: